## ORDINANCE NO. 30 CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

## AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A HEARING EXAMINER SYSTEM IN ORDER TO CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARINGS AND RENDER DECISIONS ON MATTERS DELEGATED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the City of Liberty Lake will incorporate on August 31, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the City of Liberty Lake desires the services of a Hearing Examiner to conduct public hearings and render decisions on matters duly delegated by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Liberty Lake desires to execute a contract for the services of a Hearing Examiner;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Liberty Lake, Washington, do ordain as follows:

- Section 1. Hearing Examiner System. Pursuant to RCW 35A.63.170, 36.70B.120(3), 35A.11.020, and 35A.21.160, the City Council has the authority and desires to adopt a Hearing Examiner system as an alternative to delegating to a planning commission (or other citizen comprised decision-making body) the power and duty to hear and decide various quasi-judicial matters. By adopting a Hearing Examiner System, the legal effect of the Hearing Examiner decisions shall depending on the matter be: (a) a recommendation to the City Council; (b) an administrative decision appealable to the City Council; or (c) except for a rezone of property, a final decision of the City Council.
- <u>Section 2.</u> <u>Interlocal Agreement.</u> The City Mayor shall recommend execution of a contract for the services of a Hearing Examiner who shall conduct public hearings and render decisions on matters delegated by the City Council.
- <u>Section 3.</u> <u>Severability</u>. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.
- <u>Section 4.</u> <u>Effective Date</u>. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after publication of the Ordinance Summary, and on the date-of-incorporation.

PASSED by the City Council this / day of August 2001

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ATTEST:

Like Subscription City Clerk, Arlene Fisher

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Interim City Attorney, Stanley M. Schwartz

Date of Publication: 8/3/0/ Effective Date: <u>Date of Incorporation</u> City of Liberty Lake P.O. Box 370 Liberty Lake, WA 99019 (509) 755-6702

## NOTICE OF ORDINANCE PASSED BY LIBERTY LAKE CITY COUNCIL

The following is the title and summary of Ordinance No. 30 passed by the City of Liberty Lake City Council on the  $\cancel{140}$  day of August 2001.

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Section 1 of the Ordinance establishes the authority of the City to adopt a Hearing Examiner system and states the effect of the Hearing Examiner decisions.

Section 2 provides the City Mayor shall recommend execution of a contract for Hearing Examiner services.

**Section 3** establishes a severability clause in the event some portion of the Ordinance is held invalid.

Section 4 states this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after publication of the Ordinance Summary, and on the date of incorporation.

The full text of the Ordinance is available at the Interim City of Liberty Lake City offices as identified above. A copy will be mailed out upon request.

Arlene Fisher

Interim City Clerk

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